



STATUS ANXIETY

“You cannot make a revolution with silk gloves,” Joseph Stalin is alleged to have said. For once, he was right: the material stains easily, fades under sunlight and can be ruined by negligent laundering. A nice bag would be way more practical. Status Anxiety’s Rebellion bag is ideal for rebelling. Its heavy-duty cotton canvas is sturdy and durable enough for picket line and trench alike. The full leather trim isn’t much help, but it’s a lovely touch. Just imagine: though the French, storming the Bastille in 1789, would have had little use for the padded laptop sleeve or iPhone pockets, the bag’s wide opening, with its nifty magnet flap, would have been perfect for storing all that seized ammunition. statusanxiety.com.au *TF*



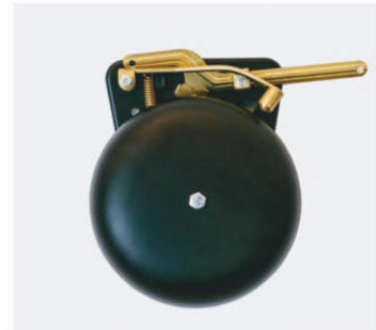
A CRY FOR KELP

Matt Kern and Lia Heifetz are the couple behind Barnacle Foods: an Alaskan outfit that turns kelp into condiments. We asked them about the slimy, supposedly tasty world of seaweed. Is edible kelp a common product in Alaska? It’s not unusual in a lot of the coastal communities, where the original homesteaders made kelp salsa and kelp pickles. How did this become a business? Our first kelp salsa recipe came from a friend. It tasted so good we were always running out before we could make more. We began to think about starting our own farm, then began making kelp salsa as our first product. What should seaweed-newbies expect from the kelp versions of salsas and pickles? For people not used to eating seaweed, the salsa’s a good place to start. The kelp contributes an underlying umami base with a fresh, crunchy texture. The pickles are unique in appearance, so aesthetically they are an interesting addition to charcuterie boards. Of all the seaweed species around, why use bull kelp? It’s similar to a sea vegetable in that it’s big and crisp, almost like pulling a salty onion out of the water. It slices well, too. What’s next for the kelp business? We’re learning as much as we can about bull kelp so we can be sure we’re stewarding the resource in a sustainable way. There are a handful of oyster farmers beginning to farm kelp now too, so it’s an emerging industry. barnaclefoods.com *MC*



SCI-FI STATIONERY

Before things go horribly awry in the 1997 sci-fi horror film *Event Horizon*, Sam Neill’s Dr Weir visualises a wormhole by jamming a pencil through a folded piece of paper, illustrating that the shortest distance between two points might not always be a straight line. Allow this thought to never be particularly far from your mind with this 3D-printed pencil holder from Micah Ganske. shapeways.com *BM*



DING DING DING

William, Chauncey and Abner Bevin founded the Bevin Brothers Manufacturing Company in 1832. Ring a bell? Yes, they did. To this day, the family-owned foundry supplies bells for everything from churches to cows to ice cream trucks. Each Christmas, the Salvation Army’s south-east region orders about 50,000 bells from them. Bevin bells were used to open and close the New York Stock Exchange and give Clarence his wings in *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Six generations later, it’s now the sole surviving bell-related company in East Hampton, Connecticut, also known as Belltown. If you’re serious about your bells, consider one of Bevin’s boxing bells. They’re no mere tea bells: loud enough to cut through the din of a prize fight, these heavyweights of the bell world pack a serious punch. bevinbells.com *TF*